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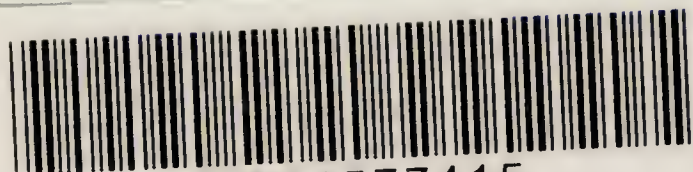
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This Infirmary was founded and Endowed by its liberal Benefactors for the Cure of the Sick and Lane of any County or Nation, who are destitute of the Means of Support ; and it is earnestly requested that every Subscriber would inform himself of the circumstances of the person he recommends, as several have been admitted into the Infirmary of ability to have paid for their cure, whilst others have endeavoured to get admission whose circumstances have been known to be good.

GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

The qualification for a Governor is an annual subscription of not less than £2 2s. 0d. or a donation at one time of not less than £40 ; which last shall constitute such donor a Governor for life. Every Governor has the privilege of attending the general meetings. All Annual Subscribers of not less than 10s. 6d. are entitled to recommending privileges.



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for the year ended 31st December, 1945

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AN APPEAL

In view of the very long waiting lists the Infirmary has under consideration the extension of its services for In and out-patients

THEREFORE

● New and Increased Subscriptions and Donations are earnestly sought in order to create a fund for the proposed extensions

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Consulting Physician

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Gynaecological Surgeon

H. A. Hamilton, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.O.G.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon

C. de W. Gibb, F.R.C.S. (Ed.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Plastic Surgeon

Emlyn Lewis, F.R.C.S.

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Radiologist

E. W. Hyde, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R. (Eng.)

Assistant Radiologist

A. U. Millar, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.M.R.E.
(temporary)

Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon

L. Henry, M.D., F.R.C.S.
(temporary)

Assistant Surgeon—Ear, Nose and Throat Dept.

Clifford F. Evans, F.R.C.S., (Eng.) D.L.O., (Lond.)

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J. D. J. Freeman,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.

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Arthur Tom, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.A.

Assistant Clinical Pathologist

David Hewspear, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.A., D.P.H. (Lond.)

Resident Surgical Officer

J. C. Sugars, M.B., B.Sh.

One Casualty House Surgeon**One House Physician****Registrar—Ear, Nose and Throat Dept.**

Y. N. Carayanopoulos, L.R.C.P. & S.

Three House Surgeons**Chaplain**

Rev. W. Asbury Smith

Matron

Miss E. Fensome.

Assistant Matron

Miss C. M. Burrow.

Pharmacist

Miss Elizabeth M. C. Lowe, M.P.S.

Assistant Pharmacist

Miss Kathleen Higgs, M.P.S.

Almoner

Miss S. D. Yates, I.H.A.

Assistant Secretary

N. W. Langston, A.H.A.

COMMITTEES

1946

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

(Meets on the last Thursday in each month, at 11.30 a.m.)

Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O. ... *Chairman.*
 W. Washbourn, C.B.E. *Deputy-Chairman.*

J. W. L. Beaven	W. E. F. Jones
W. E. Brown	C. V. Knight, M.D.
Miss P. Bulley	W. G. Knight
Capt. H. M. Calvert	G. E. Collier
H. Cole	Mrs. Meath-Baker
Lady Darell	J. Morefield
Mrs. E. B. Evans, O.B.E.	T. H. Nash
Sir Evan Gwynne-Evans	E. Oakhill
Mrs. Farran	Mrs. E. Padgett
F. C. Gardner	Miss A. Tidswell
Colonel A. Guy, O.B.E.	R. F. Tiley
Major H. Hague	W. A. Walker
W. Hill	R. E. Williams
A. J. Hodgson	G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.

Ex-Officio Members

The Six Vice-Presidents	The Senior Physician
The Four Trustees	The Senior Surgeon
The Honorary Treasurer	

WEEKLY BOARD.

(Meets every Thursday, at 11 a.m.)

H. Benfield	Major H. Hague
W. E. Brown	W. Hill
H. Cole	C. V. Knight, M.D.
F. C. Gardner	T. H. Nash
W. A. Walker	

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The Chairman of the General Committee
 The Deputy-Chairman of the General Committee
 The Chairman of the Medical Board

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H. Benfield

Major H. Hague

H. Cole

G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.

R. E. Williams

Ex-Officio Members

The Chairman of the General Committee

The Deputy-Chairman of the General Committee

The Honorary Treasurer

The Four Trustees

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE.

H. Benfield

Colonel A. Guy, O.B.E.

W. E. Brown

W. Hill

Mrs. J. O. Roberts

Quarterly General Meetings of the Governors are held at 12 noon on the last Thursday in the months of March, June, September and December (Thursday being Christmas Day, the meeting is held on the day before).

The Quarterly General Meeting in March is the Annual General Meeting of Governors.

**ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
AND WEEKLY BOARD FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945**

GENERAL COMMITTEE.								Possible number of attendances	Attended
Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., <i>Chairman</i> (on active service until 16/1/46)								1	1
W. Washbourn, C.B.E., <i>Deputy Chairman</i>								12	12
J.W. L. Beaven	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5
H. Benfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9
W. E. Brown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3
Miss P. Bulley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	0
Capt. H. M. Calvert	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3
Lieut-Colonel J. M. Colchester-Wemyss, O.B.E. (died 25/1/46)								12	9
H. Cole	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8
G. Collier (Appointed March, 1945)								9	9
Lady Darell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8
Mrs. E. B. Evans, O.B.E.								12	6
Mrs. Farran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2
F. C. Gardner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10
Colonel A. Guy, O.B.E. (on active service until 7/10/45)								3	2
Major H. Hague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
W. Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8
A. J. Hodgson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
W. E. F. Jones	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	0
C. V. Knight, M.D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9
W. G. Knight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
Mrs. Meath-Baker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8
J. Morefield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2
T. H. Nash	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
E. Oakhill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4
Mrs. E. Padgett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10
Miss A. Tidswell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	7
R. F. Tiley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5
W. A. Walker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8
G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.								12	0
R. E. Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10

Ex-Officio Members

The Very Rev. The Dean of Gloucester	...	...	...	...	12	...	7
The Right Hon. Viscount Bledisloe G.C.M.G.	...	...	...	...	12	...	0
W. C. Oxenham	...	...	...	...	12	...	0
The Dowager Duchess of Beaufort	...	...	...	...	12	...	0

	Possible number of attendances	Attended
Mrs. J. O. Roberts	12	0
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Russell James Kerr	12	0
Colonel Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., D.S.O.	12	6
The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne	12	0
Sir John Percival, K.B.E.	12	4
E. C. Sutcliffe	12	3
Dr. D. E. Finlay	12	0
A. Alcock (Elected 18/1/45)	12	12

WEEKLY BOARD

H. Benfield	52	41
W. E. Brown	52	18
H. Cole	52	35
F. C. Gardner	52	49
Major H. Hague	52	52
W. Hill	52	35
C. V. Knight, M.D.	52	43
T. H. Nash	52	49
W. A. Walker	52	35

Ex-Officio Members

Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O. (on active service)	4	4
W. Washbourn, C.B.E.	52	51
A. Alcock (Appointed 18/1/45)	49	49
Dr. D. E. Finlay	3	1

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

H. Benfield	2	0
H. Cole	2	2
Major H. Hague	2	2
G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.	2	2
R. E. Williams	2	2

Ex-Officio Members

Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O. (on active service)		0
W. Washbourn, C.B.E.	2	2
E. C. Sutcliffe	2	2
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Russell James Kerr	2	0
Colonel Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., D.S.O.	2	0
The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne	2	0
Sir John Percival, K.B.E.	2	0

The Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1945.

THE year 1945 has seen the restoration of peace, for which we are most thankful, but the work of the hospital has not decreased. During the year, the Emergency Medical Service set up by the Ministry of Health was withdrawn, thus enabling more beds to be made available for the civilian population. However, many members of H.M. Forces have been treated either as in-patients or out-patients, by arrangement with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Pensions.

A National Health Service.

It is hoped that the widespread interest which has been responsible for the success of the Voluntary Hospitals throughout the country will be allowed to continue, because the patients will judge the National Service, not on the merits of this organisation as a whole, but on the actual service which they receive from the individual hospital. As we go to press, the proposed National Health Service is before Parliament and the appointed time when the Minister of Health takes over the burden of controlling the Health Services is still not decided. However, the needs of the public must be met, and therefore, while welcoming the proposals for a comprehensive National Health Service available to all, it is hoped that the public will continue to support the Voluntary Hospitals during the interim period. It is sincerely hoped that the Bill will be so worded that it will be possible to retain and promote local interest and thus enable the Royal Infirmary to continue serving the public in North Gloucestershire.

Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust—Survey.

The long awaited report is now to hand, and it is pleasing to read therein that the services provided by the Royal Infirmary are in keeping with standards set up by hospitals of similar size in other parts

of the country. It is early days to comment fully on the report, but generally speaking, it can be said that the Infirmary, in the opinion of the Surveyors, will continue to play a very important part in any Area Scheme of co-ordinated Health Services.

Group Preliminary Training School for Nurses.

Consideration is being given to the setting up of a Group Preliminary Training School for Nurses to serve the hospitals in the area, namely :—Cheltenham, Stroud, Lydney, and Cirencester Hospitals, also Barnwood House Hospital, City General Hospital and the Royal Infirmary.

Before such a scheme can be introduced many things have to be considered, such as capital expenditure; the acquisition of a suitable building somewhere between Cheltenham, Stroud and Gloucester; the method of administering such a school and the proportion of expenditure to be borne by each participating hospital. Notwithstanding all these problems, it is hoped to have something concrete to put before the Governors at an early date.

Pre-Nursing Courses in Schools.

These courses have been approved by the General Nursing Council, on the recommendation of the Board of Education, in schools and technical colleges with a view to preparing young girls in Part I of the Preliminary examination set by the Council. Arrangements are being made with the City and County Education Committees to introduce these courses and already a representative of the Nursing Recruitment Service has visited the schools to give preliminary talks to the children and with the co-operation of the Sister Tutor at the Infirmary, courses are to be introduced. Arrangements have also been made for visits to the Infirmary by classes of "would-be" nurses, so that they can see the actual working conditions in hospital. It is hoped that these courses will encourage more applicants to come forward to join the ranks of this noble avocation of nursing.

Nurses' Prize Giving.

On Saturday, December 1st, Lady Bevan kindly presented the prizes to the successful nurses. The Committee is happy to say,

as before, that the standard of marks gained by the nurses was very high. Thanks are due to the Sister Tutor for her untiring efforts in coaching the Student Nurses, and to the members of the Visiting Medical Staff for giving lectures.

Nursing Staff.

After many years of loyal and faithful service, Sister Durward, Assistant Matron, and Sister Rees, Home Sister, both having reached the age for retirement, resigned their respective posts. An informal gathering was held in the Board Room on May 29th, when both received cheques as tokens of esteem and appreciation for loyal and satisfactory services. It is hoped they will both have many happy and peaceful years of retirement.

Miss C. M. Burrow from the Hertford County Hospital, has been appointed Assistant Matron, and Sister L. E. Kitto from Yardley Road Sanatorium, Birmingham, as Home Sister.

In October, Miss Schofield, the Matron, resigned her position, and the Committee take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of her services over the past seven years, and wish her good health and every happiness in her new sphere of life.

Nurses' Recreation Room.

The nurses' recreation room is now in constant use and by the gift of a radiogram dances are held periodically. The tennis courts have been renovated at a cost of over £300. Unfortunately this work could not be done before owing to the war.

Almoner.

The work of Miss Yates, the Almoner, continues to give every satisfaction and the development of a social service department is assisting the many patients who need help and advice. There has been a marked improvement in the organisation and management of the out-patient department and the records incidental thereto.

Appointments System for Out-Patients.

This system is now working and the waiting time of out-patients has been considerably reduced. A private telephone line has been installed to enable local doctors to obtain immediate contact with the Appointments Officer and make arrangements for their patients to

attend at appointed times to see members of the Visiting Medical and Surgical Staff. A time table showing the days and times of attendance of each doctor on the staff will shortly be in the hands of every local practitioner, together with full details of this system of "appointments." With such limited accommodation in the out-patients department, this system not only helps the patient but prevents overcrowding in the department. From time to time the system will be improved by the introduction of new methods of registration of patients.

Out-Patient and Casualty Department.

Buffet facilities for out-patients were commenced on the 1st May, and have been a great assistance to the many patients who have travelled long distances.

Centre for Penicillin.

The Hospital continues to play its part in connection with this important discovery, and many cases have been treated with satisfactory results.

Main Kitchens.

A new ventilating system has been installed at a cost of £563 and has been found most beneficial to the staff and has remedied the old complaint of "cooking odours" round the wards and departments. The cooking apparatus has also been overhauled and made more efficient. Two electrically heated food trolleys have been purchased at a cost of £154, for use in the Ear, Nose and Throat and Children's Wards.

Future Extensions.

Steps are being taken to increase the in-patient accommodation by extending the present building where possible and sketch plans are being produced for consideration at an early date.

British Red Cross—Surplus Goods.

The Infirmary has been appointed a distributing centre for surplus goods to the voluntary hospitals in the North Gloucestershire area and such articles as sheets, gowns, dressings, chinaware, etc., have already been distributed to the hospitals, who have expressed their appreciation of these gifts.

Thanks.

The Committee desires to express its deep appreciation of the very long and valuable services rendered to the Infirmary by Mr. Trevor Wellington, Honorary Solicitor, and Mr. E. C. Sutcliffe, Honorary Treasurer.

The Committee also desires to express its thanks to the Resident Medical and Surgical Staff, the Matron and her staff, the Chaplain, the House Governor and Secretary, the Administrative Staff and all others in the Hospital who have so ably responded to the many additional calls made upon them under post-war conditions.

Grateful thanks are extended to the Workpeople's Hospital Committee and the Royal Infirmary League and Needlework Guild for their continued and generous support ; the Gloucestershire Constabulary for the continuance of their kindness and courtesy on all occasions ; the newspaper press of Gloucester and the Forest of Dean for dealing with matters of interest and publishing reports ; the many voluntary workers who have so ably assisted the Hospital in many ways ; the donors of money and gifts in kind to the general funds and to the Christmas Appeal ; the numerous people who have so frequently come to the hospital, do their good work and vanish ; the Honorary Librarians who organise the library of the Hospital ; the St. John Ambulance Association ; and the British Red Cross and Order of St. John War Organisation.

Thanks are also given to the Ministers of Religion for their appeals of behalf of the Infirmary, and to the organisers of Church Parades for their continued efforts for the Hospital.

The following is a comparative statement of the number of patients treated in the Infirmary during the past four years.

				1945	1944	1943	1942
Admitted	...	...	...	4452	4384	4492	4695
Daily average number of beds occupied	...	...	...	192.0	206.1	210.8	219.8
Out-patients	...	...	...	20116	19193	19595	19971

The number of in-patients has increased by 68, and the out-patients by 923. Out-patients included 497 cases received under the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme.

The average stay of each in-patient has been 15·6 days as compared with 17·2 in 1944.

Of the 4452 in-patients admitted, 3362 were received as emergency cases or on the recommendation of the Medical Officers from the Out-Patient department, 15 through the Venereal Diseases Clinic, 263 under arrangements with the County, City and other authorities, 68 under the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme, and 644 paying patients.

The number of children under ten years of age treated in the wards was 413, and as out-patients 1406 ; of the latter 211 were eye cases.

The number of out-patient attendances at the several departments was as follows :—

Medical	...	...	7852	X-Ray Therapy	...	...	999
Surgical	...	...	2898	Casualty	...	...	19665
Ophthalmic	...	...	3967	Orthopaedic	...	...	6680
Ear, Nose and Throat			3349	Ultra-Violet Ray	2518
Dental	135	Neurological	821
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Total							48884*

*Of this number, 3544 were referred to the X-Ray Department for Radiography.

The ordinary expenditure has increased by nearly £4,000, mainly due to increased cost of all commodities, the payment of Purchase Tax and the adoption of the recognised scales of salaries and wages for nurses, domestics and manual workers.

Although the ordinary expenditure has increased, the figures do not in themselves present a complete picture of the Hospital's activities. The cost of services cannot be judged unless the standard of these services is also known.

Payments to other hospitals for the treatment of contributors and their dependents show a slight increase compared with the previous year.

Extraordinary expenditure during the year has been £142 for alterations to the entrance of the Infirmary.

The ordinary income showed a net decrease of £700 but the sum of £1,300 has been left in the Ministry of Health Emergency Hospital Scheme Account, as adjustments might have to be made with the Ministry.

Annual subscriptions amounted to £1,871, being an increase of £12 compared with the preceding year. The Committee would draw the attention of subscribers and others to the great benefit to be derived by the Infirmary from the recovery of Income Tax on annual subscriptions. All that is required is that the donor should agree to spread his or her subscription over a period of seven years, and by completing the form of covenant to be found inserted in this report the Infirmary would benefit to the extent of 17s. 2d. on each annual subscription of one guinea while Income Tax is at 9s. in the £. There is no further expense to the subscriber, but the value of the subscription to the Infirmary is nearly doubled.

The Acting Chairman's appeal realised £105 in donations. The Committee, while expressing its gratitude to the employers, trust that these donations will continue as annual subscriptions in recognition of the services rendered by the Hospital to them through their employees.

Workpeople's contributions have decreased this year, £30,559 as against £33,319 in 1944, having been received through Workpeople's Hospital Committee. £3,486 as against £3,393 has been received through the Royal Infirmary League. This decrease in workpeoples' contributions can be expected in view of the changeover from war to peace, which has meant a considerable reduction in the number of persons employed in the industries in the area. The Committee desires to convey its grateful thanks to the

Workpeople's Hospital Committee, the employers, employees, collectors and all others who helped in any way to make this magnificent contribution to the funds of the Hospital. Ordinary collections and subscriptions received through the Royal Infirmary League amounted to £163.

The League Clothing and Needlework Guild presented 160 articles of clothing and linen, and allocated £100 for the purchase of linen. The Committee is most grateful to the Ladies of the Guild for their valuable assistance and continued interest in the welfare of the Hospital.

Donations show a considerable increase, £2,013 having been received against a total of £1,362 in 1944. The Committee tenders its grateful thanks to Sir Leslie and Lady Boyce and the League of Mercy Committee for a special donation of £225 from the League and for their efforts in organising a most successful Ball and social gathering at the Guildhall.

Proceeds from collecting boxes realised £133 this year. The Committee, while tendering its thanks to the members of the Public who have made themselves responsible for these collections, would be pleased to hear of any "would-be" helpers willing to have collecting boxes. Anyone desirous of helping the Hospital by having these boxes or organising collections and/or social affairs should communicate with the House Governor and Secretary, who would be pleased to supply the boxes and assist in any way.

Collections from places of worship amounted to £752, as against £688 in 1944. The Committee is very grateful for this continued support.

The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following legacies received during the year totalling £1,754.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

				£	s.	d.
Dickinson, E. K.	...	...	...	50	0	0
Pritchard, Miss M. E.	...	...	...	628	3	10
Brendon, Miss E. A.	...	...	...	450	0	0
Pennell, W.	50	0	0
Harris, Wm.	50	0	0
Sandoe, Wm.	50	0	0
Lemon, Miss A. M.	250	0	0
Allan, Mrs. E. E.	216	17	6
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				£1745	1	4
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The number of patients admitted to the semi-private wards was 396, the daily average number of beds occupied being 14.1, against 14.2 in 1944, and to the private rooms 248, the daily average number of beds occupied being 5.1 against 5.6 last year.

Payments received in respect of motor accidents coming within the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts amounted to £239, against £332 in 1944.

In the Ophthalmic department 2040 out-patients and 296 in-patients were treated and 226 major eye operations were performed. The number of out-patients attendances was 3967.

The number of cases radiographed in the X-Ray department was 5,523 and 11,615 radiograms were taken. In the therapy department 81 new cases were received and 901 treatments were given.

In the massage and electrical department 35,877 treatments were given, of which 5,817 were massage, 15,571 electrical treatments and 13,103 remedial exercises.

The out-patients attendances in the Orthopædic department were 6,680.

The number of cases treated in the ultra-violet ray department was 638 and 3154 treatments were given, of which 149 were by mercury vapour lamp, 2,215 by carbon arc lamp, and 152 by "Kro-mayer" lamp.

In the Ear, Nose and Throat department 717 in-patients were admitted and 640 operations were performed. The total number of attendances at the out-patients' clinics was 3,349 and 4,443 daily treatments were given.

During the year 80 cases were referred to the dental department by the medical and surgical staff.

In the pathological laboratory 15,418 specimens were examined, of which 5,437 were for the County and City Authorities, 1870 for the Ministry of Health, 5,177 for the Infirmary, and 2,601 for the Emergency Medical Scheme.

The arrangements for the treatment of patients in the Venereal Diseases Clinic continue to work satisfactorily. An extra clinic has been provided on Tuesday evenings. Comparison figures of patients attending are 395 in 1945 ; 381 in 1944.

At the Neurological Clinic 286 new out-patients were treated during the year, the total attendances being 821.

At the Plastic Surgery Clinic 28 new out-patients were seen during the year, the total attendances in the department being 43.

In all the operating theatres of the hospital 1,714 operations were performed.

W. WASHBOURN,
Acting Chairman.

The General Committee desires to record its deep appreciation of the untiring services of Mr. W. Washbourn who acted as Chairman in the War years, during the absence on H.M. Service of the Chairman, Admiral Sir Richard Bevan.

<p>The Committee regret to record the death of Lieut.-Colonel J. M. Colchester-Wemyss, O.B.E., who was a member of the Committee for many years.</p>
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

Income

ORDINARY :—						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1944	I.—Voluntary Gifts.													
£	Annual Subscriptions :—													
1841	Infirmary	...	...	...	...	1932	4	11						
7	Eye Institution	...	...	...	...	7	7	0						
												1939	11	11
1363	Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...		2144	13	3			
269	Boxes	...	...	...	...	...	...		185	4	0			
689	Collections from Places of Worship	...	...	...	...	...	...		752	11	10			
	Royal Infirmery League :—													
242	Ordinary Collections	...	...	...	...	...	...		163	6	7			
31519	Transfer from Contributory Scheme													
	Account, page 25 (Total Collection £34,045) ...					27052	5	9						
885	Entertainments	...	...	...	...	...	...		632	3	1			
300	The League of Mercy	...	...	...	...	...	...		225	0	0			
												33094	16	5
37115														

II.—Receipts on account of services rendered.

I. Contributions on Account of Services to Patients :—

(a) From Patients and their Societies :—

1929	Patients	...	...	...	...	1666	19	4
3047	„ Semi-Private Wards	...	...	...	...	2813	15	7
2733	„ Private Rooms	...	...	...	...	2681	13	3
163	„ Paying Out Patients	...	...	...	...	144	9	6
2799	Hospital Contributory Associations	...	...	...	...	3387	8	10
8	Approved Societies	...	...	...	...
333	Road Traffic Act	...	...	...	...	192	1	8
60	Other Sources	...	...	...	...	21	9	11

(b) From Public Authorities, &c. :—

1462	Public Authorities	...	...	...	...	1383	15	10
	Ministry of Health. Pathological							
696	Examinations	...	...	...	...	139	10	10
1771	State Grant—Nursing Salaries	...	...	...	...	1775	0	0

						14206	4	9						
15001	Carried forward ...					14206	4	9	33094	16	5			

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945

Expenditure

1944 ORDINARY :—

£							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	I.—Provisions											
1653	Meat	...	...	...	...	...	1802	12	6			
1062	Fish and Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	1372	2	1			
885	Butter, Bacon, Cheese, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	753	7	0			
150	Eggs	...	...	...	...	...	253	9	1			
2281	Milk	...	...	...	...	...	1912	5	3			
570	Bread, Flour, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	621	2	3			
1315	Groceries	...	...	...	...	...	1419	6	5			
1324	Vegetables and Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	1591	18	11			
59	Ale and Stout	...	...	...	...	...	87	16	4			
49	Aerated Waters	...	...	...	...	...	59	7	0			
										9873	6	10
9348												

II.—Surgery and Dispensary

2006	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1995	11	3			
1119	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1069	17	3			
1887	Instruments and Appliances	...	...	...	...	...	1506	13	6			
29	Wines and Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	23	2	9			
878	Salaries (Dispensary Staff)	...	...	...	...	...	939	9	3			
188	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	254	0	9			
										5788	14	9
6107												

III.—Domestic

	Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding											
1363	Crockery, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1976	2	0			
1986	Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	2139	18	5			
194	Cleaning and Chandlery	...	...	...	...	...	371	12	11			
266	Water	...	...	...	...	...	256	16	4			
	Fuel and Lighting :—											
2567	Coal and Coke	...	...	...	...	...	2922	2	8			
511	Gas	...	...	...	...	...	569	13	11			
702	Electric Current, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	781	4	6			
11	Oil and Wood	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	6			
343	Uniforms	...	...	...	...	...	262	5	11			
90	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	158	6	5			
										9450	15	7
8033												
	Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25112	17	2

1944						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£											
15001				Brought forward	...	14206	4	9	33094	16	5
—	(c)	Government	Emergency	Hospital	Scheme	—					
721	2.	Other	Receipts	...	...	798	5	3			
—									15004	10	0
15722											

III.—Invested Property

Dividends, Interest, Etc. :—

£	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
31	877	3	9	3½% War Stock	Holford's Trust	30	14	0
12	338	4	4	„	„ Musgrave's „	11	16	8
12	354	8	4	„	„ Price's „	12	8	0
12	350	17	6	„	„ Ducie Fund	12	5	6
61	2456	2	6	5% Conversion Stock	1944-64	—		
				(Redeemed by H.M. Treasury				
				May 6th 1944)				
947	37866	5	9	5% Conversion Stock	1944-64	—		
				(Redeemed by H.M. Treasury				
				May 6th 1944)				
21	518	19	2	4% Funding Stock	(Elsom Memorial)	20	15	2
397	11341	1	8	3½% War Stock	Long's Trust	396	18	8
3	96	12	1	3½% War Stock	(Miss Workman's Gift)	3	7	6
5	151	4	7	3½% War Stock	(Conversion Bonus)	5	5	10
45	1282	3	11	3½% War Stock	(Worgan's Legacy)	44	17	6
17	482	10	0	3½% War Stock	(Whiting's Legacy)	16	17	8
68	1937	8	8	3½% War Stock	(Eyre Fund)	67	16	2
13	659	0	0	G.W. Ry. 4% Deb. Stock	Ditto	13	3	8
81	2035	13	2	4% Consolidated Stock	Ditto	81	8	6
61	2050	0	0	3% Savings Bonds	1955-65 (Long's Trust)	61	10	0
228	7590	4	2	3% Savings Bonds	1955-65	227	14	0
30	1000	0	0	3% Savings Bonds	“B” 1960-70	30	0	0
682	19497	11	2	3½% Conversion Stock		682	8	2
173	4953	17	9	3½% Conversion Stock		173	7	8
46	1315	15	10	3½% Conversion Stock	(Payne's Legacy)	46	1	0
36	1024	5	11	3½% Conversion Stock	(Russell's Trust)	35	17	0
14	405	11	9	3½% Conversion Stock	(Druids' Bed Fund)	14	3	10
82	2347	7	7	3½% Conversion Stock	(Sterry's Bequest)	82	3	0
166	25000	0	0	2½% National War Bonds	1952-54	625	0	0
159	20000	0	0	3% Savings Bonds	1960-70	600	0	0
6	1000	0	0	3% Savings Bonds	1960-70	30	0	0
				(Dorrington's Legacy)				

3410

Carried forward ... 3325 19 6 48099 6 5

							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1944		Brought forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25112	17	2
£	IV.—Salaries and Wages											
3762	Medical	...	...	...	...	...	4064	6	7			
11315	Nursing	...	...	...	...	...	11928	3	9			
	Other Officers and Employees :—											
4218	(i) Domestic	...	...	...	...	...	4955	1	9			
2664	(ii) Mechanics and Porters	...	...	...	...	...	3030	5	1			
942	(iii) Other Officers	...	...	...	...	...	1270	4	3			
125	Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	161	3	4			
										25409	4	9
23026												

V.—Miscellaneous

782	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephones, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	875	9	2			
75	Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...	302	6	6			
236	Insurances	...	...	...	...	...	209	6	6			
162	Garden	...	...	...	...	...	278	6	8			
183	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	283	11	3			
										1949	0	1
1438												

VI.—Administration

1956	Salaries	...	...	...	...	...	2101	11	11			
—	Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	
413	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	424	13	6			
27	Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...	29	6	3			
—	Law charges	...	...	...	...	...	1281	5	0			
31	Auditors' fees...	...	...	...	...	...	31	10	0			
158	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	83	18	10			
										3952	5	6
2585												

VII.—Establishment

1331	Renewals and Repairs to Building and Plant	...	...	...	...	...	2278	17	7			
	Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	£58702	5	1			

1944	£	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
3410					Brought forward ...	3325	19	6	48099	6	5
3	74	1	6	4%	Consolidated Stock (Barnett's Trust)	2	19	2			
80	5352	0	0		London Transport 3% Stock, 1967-72	80	5	8			
2	130	0	0		Ditto Ditto	1	19	0			
25	850	0	0	3%	Defence Bonds ...	25	10	0			
—	430	0	0		Mortgage on Freehold Property at Coleford (Worgan's Legacy) ...						
—					Portion of Charles Gill's Legacy not Realised ...						
81					Surplus Income from sum set apart by Executors (Long's Trust) ...	99	17	2			
130					East India Railway Co. Annuity "Class C" ...	133	3	10			
					(Cost of purchase £4991 5s. 0d.)						
5					Trustees of Lady Warneford's Benefaction ...	5	9	0			
25					Thomas Smith's Legacy ...	25	6	4			
3					Joseph Hiatt's Legacy ...	3	3	0			
—					Seven War Savings Certificates (1940) ...						
—					Eighteen Ditto (1941) ...						
—					Nineteen Ditto (1943) ...						
—					Less Dividend on Miss Workman's Gift ...	3703	12	8			
3764					Transferred to Subscriptions ...	3	7	6			
						3700	5	2			
77	Rents	...	...	...	...	80	0	5			
258	Income Tax Returned	...	...	...	...	255	3	5			
									4035	9	0
56937	Total Ordinary Income	...	...	...	...				52134	15	5

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME :—

Balance at Bank January 1st, 1945	...	...	...	6954	13	4
Excess Expenditure over Income December 31st, 1945	...	...	...	2142	8	10
Deficit for the year...	...	...	...
				9097	2	2
				£61231	17	7

DEFICIT

Balance at Bank January 1st, 1945	...	...	...	...	6954	13	4
Net Excess Expenditure over Income as at December 31st, 1945	...	...	...	...	2142	8	10
					£9097	2	2

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1944		Brought forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	58702	5	1
£	VIII.—Finance										
1	Interest (General Account)	...	...	...	...		—
—	Interest (Capital Account)	...	...	...	...		—
536	Appeals	...	...	...	...	597	2	11			
343	Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	358	14	0			
									955	16	11
880											
52748	Total Ordinary Expenditure	...	...	...	...				59658	2	0

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE :—

300	Grant to " Student Nurses Educational Fund "	...	...	...	...		
—	Construction of New Drive Way—Front Entrance	...	...	...	...				192	11	9
53049	Total Expenditure for the Year	...	...	...	...				59850	13	9
	Transferred to Capital Account :—										
1311	Balance of Private Ward Fees—see page 24	...	...	...	...				1117	4	10
718	„ Semi-Private Ward Fees—see page 24	...	...	...	...				263	19	0
6955	Balance at Bank December, 31st 1945	...	...	...	...				—
									£61231	17	7

ACCOUNT.

Total Deficit on Income and Expenditure Account for the year	...	£	s.	d.
		9097	2	2
		£9097	2	2

STUDENT NURSES

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1945	133	15	9
Donations	6	16	0
Dividend on £300 2½% National War Bonds	7	10	0
Interest on Deposit Account	1	5	1
	<u>£149</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

	£	s.	d.
Balance January 1st, 1945	4946	5	10
Interim payments towards cost of Casualty Service	977	2	6
	<u>£5923</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

CAPITAL**Receipts**

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1945	4221	18	1
Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account, page 23			
„ Balance of Private Ward Fees „ „	1117	4	10
„ „ Semi-Private Ward Fees „ „	263	19	0
	<u>£5603</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

GOSCOMB

Income to December 31st, 1945	£90	6	4
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NURSES'

	£	s.	d.
Balance, January 1st, 1945	7	5	9
Dividend on £56 18s. 2d. 4% Consolidated Stock (Yeats Memorial)	2	5	6
„ £45 19s. 5d. „ „ (Jones Memorial)	1	16	8
	<u>£11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

THE OSBORNE FUND FOR THE

	£	s.	d.
Balance, January 1st, 1945 :—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	33	13	10
Dividend on £1797 6s. 7d. 3½% War Stock	62	18	0
Transferred from General Account	25	10	4
	<u>£122</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Text Books for Nurses Library	4	11	0
Balance at Bank December 31st, 1945	144	15	10
	<u>£149</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

SCHEME SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Transferred to Medical Staff Fund	211	19	6
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1945	5711	8	10
	<u>£5923</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

ACCOUNT.**Payments**

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1945	5603	1	11
	<u>£5603</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

TRUST ACCOUNT.

Paid to beneficiary under Will	£90	6	4
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PRIZE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Prizes for Nurses	4	10	0
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	6	17	11
	<u>£11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

	£	s.	d.
Chaplain's Stipend	88	8	4
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	33	13	10
	<u>£122</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME

1944									
£							£	s.	d.
33,319	Workpeople's Contributions ...	...	...	...	...	...	30,558	16	10
	Royal Infirmary League :—								
3,394	Contributory Scheme ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,486	4	6
							<u>£34,045</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

SAMARITAN

Receipts

Balance, January 1st, 1945 :—							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Lloyds Bank ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	16	2			
Cash in hand ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	14	11			
										165	11	1
Dividend on £1080 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	16	0
„ „ £100 0s. 0d. 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Donations ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	9	2
Collecting Box ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5
Payments by Patients ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	0	4
Interest on Deposit Account ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	4	
										<u>£324</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>

ENDOWMENT

Legacies received during the year :—

Pritchard, Miss Mary E., 128 Lower High Street, Cinderford (Half share of Residuary Estate) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brendon, Mrs. Eliza A., Willoughby, Hucclecote ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	628	3	10			
Lemon, Miss Alice M., "Oaklands," Barnwood ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	450	0	0			
Allen, Mrs. Ellen E., 3 Cotswold Cottages, Rodborough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
Dickinson, Mrs. Eliza Kate, "Lyngarth," Barnwood Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	216	17	6			
Harris, William, 218, Barton Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Pinnell, Walter, 98 Alfred Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Sandoe, William, 15 Barnwood Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0			
										1745	1	4
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1945 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...				2374	15	0
										<u>£4119</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>

R. L. BEVAN

WILLIAM WASHBOURN

H. BENFIELD

J. H. PERCIVAL

R. E. WILLIAMS

H. HAGUE

G. TREVOR WELLINGTON

Members of the Finance Committee.

W. F. M. HOPKINS, Hon. Treasurer.

£									£	s.	d.
5194	Payments for Contributors treated at other Hospitals	...							6,992	15	7
31,519	Balance—Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account—										
	page 18	...	...	...	...	...	...		27,052	5	9
									<u>£34,045</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

Payments

							£	s	d.		£	s.	d.
Patients' Fares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		29	18	11
Payment towards Convalescent Treatment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		3	0	0
Instruments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		13	6	
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	...	...	...	...	...	...	274	2	5				
Cash in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2	6				
							<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>		291	4	11

£324 17 4

					£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank December 31st, 1945					4119	16	4

£4119 16 4

DUART-SMITH, BAKER & PRICE.

~~Chartered~~ Accountants,
Auditors.

15th June, 1946.

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31st December, 1945.

Total number of pieces washed on Hospital premises	...	...	...	247649
Average number of pieces washed weekly on Hospital premises	...			4762
Cost of laundry per occupied bed per week	...	...	...	5·1s.
Cost of laundry work done on Hospital premises, per piece	...	...	...	2·4d.

Expenditure in connection with Hospital Laundry.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages, &c.	1,232	19	3
Materials and Sundries	104	5	1
Fuel, &c. :—						
Coal	403	2	1
Electricity	15	7	10
Gas	84	12	3
Water	73	16	8
				576	18	10
Renewals and repairs to machinery, plant and buildings and Engine Room expenses	119	17	9
Insurance of machinery, plant and buildings	10	13	2
Rent and Rates :—						
Interest on Capital Expenditure	334	18	10
Rates	52	0	0
				386	18	10
Depreciation :—						
Buildings $1\frac{1}{2}\%$	52	11	2
Machinery and Boilers $7\frac{1}{2}\%$	19	3	5
				71	14	7
Cost of Laundry Work done on the premises	2,503	7	6
Cost of Laundry Work sent out	53	17	6
Total cost of Hospital's Laundry work	£2,557	5	0

SUMMARY OF THE PATIENTS FOR 1945

IN-PATIENTS.

Remaining in hospital 1st January, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	186
Admitted during the year :—						
Accidents and Emergencies	...	...	...	...	...	3362
Venereal Clinic	...	...	...	...	...	15
Patients received through Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucester Corporation and other authorities						363
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme	...	...	...	...	...	68
Paying Patients	...	...	...	...	...	644
						<u>4452</u>
Total						<u>4638</u>

OUT-PATIENTS.

On the books 1st January, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	2541
Treated during the year :—						
By Recommendation	...	...	...	...	...	7272
Accidents and Emergencies	...	...	...	...	...	9078
Venereal Clinic	...	...	...	...	...	311
Dental Cases (Dental Dept. 80, Casualty Dept. —)	...	...	...	...	...	80
Eye Cases (Ordinary Hospital Patients)	...	...	...	...	...	1764
County Medical Extension Scheme (including 130 Eye Cases)	...	...	...	...	...	475
City School Medical Service (including 25 Eye Cases)	...	...	...	...	...	300
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme (including 121 Eye Cases and 19 Neurological Cases)	...	...	...	...	...	497
Neurological Clinic (Ordinary Hospital Patients)	...	...	...	...	...	267
Paying Out-Patients	...	...	...	...	...	72
						<u>20116</u>
Total						<u>22657</u>
Discharged well or relieved	...	...	...	...	...	20235
Remaining on the books	...	...	...	...	...	2422
						<u>22657</u>

STATISTICAL TABLES.

IN-PATIENTS

1945

1. Average number of beds occupied	...	...	...	...	...	192.0
2. Number of patients at beginning of period	...	...	...	...	...	186
3. Number of patients admitted	...	...	...	...	...	4452
4. Number of patients in Hospital at end of period	...	...	...	...	...	165
5. Average number of days resident	...	...	...	...	...	15.6

Expenditure on In-Patients and Average Cost of each In-Patient
Treated to a Conclusion.

	Expenditure on In-patients	Average cost of each In-patient	Average cost per week
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions	9308	2 1 7½	0 18 8
2. Surgery and Dispensary ...	3317	0 14 10	0 6 8
3. Domestic	8812	1 19 5	0 17 8¼
4. Salaries and Wages ...	19222	4 5 11¾	1 18 7
5. Miscellaneous ...	1585	0 7 1¼	0 3 2¼
6. Administration ...	3424	0 15 3¾	0 6 10½
Statistical Cost ...	45668	10 4 3¼	4 11 8
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ...	1890	0 8 5½	0 3 9½
8. Finance	787	0 3 6¼	0 1 7
Total Cost ...	48345	10 16 3	4 17 0½

STATISTICAL TABLES—continued.

OUT-PATIENTS

1945

1. Total number of new Out-Patients	...	...	...	...	...	20116
2. Total number of Out-Patient attendances	...	...	...	...	...	48884

Expenditure on Out-Patients and Average Cost of each Out-Patient
and Out-Patient Attendance.

	Expenditure on Out-patients	Average cost of each Out-patient	Average cost per attendance
	£	d.	d.
1. Provisions ...	565	6·7	2·8
2. Surgery and Dispensary ...	2472	29·5	12·1
3. Domestic ...	639	7·6	3·1
4. Salaries and Wages ...	6187	73·8	30·4
5. Miscellaneous ...	364	4·4	1·8
6. Administration ...	528	6·3	2·6
Statistical Cost ...	10755	128·3	52·8
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ...	389	4·6	1·9
8. Finance ...	169	2·0	0·8
	11313	134·9	55·5

DAYS AND TIMES OF ATTENDANCE OF VISITING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Day	Medical	Surgical	Orthopaedic	Ophthalmic	Neurological	Ear, Nose and Throat	Gynaecological
MONDAY		Mr. W. J. Wilkin at 10.30 a.m.				Mr. C. Gibb at 2.0 p.m.	
TUESDAY	Dr. E. N. Davey at 11.0 a. m.	Mr. P. M. Birks at 11.45 a.m.	Mr. J. F. H. Stallman at 2.0 p.m.				Mr.H.A. Hamilton at 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	Dr. Cairns Terry at 11.0 a.m.	Mr. W. J. Wilkin at 10.30. a.m.	Fracture Clinic at 9.30 a.m.	Mr. W. Niccol & Mr.J.D.J.Freeman at 1.0 p.m.			
THURSDAY						Mr. C. Evans at 2.0 p.m.	
FRIDAY	Dr. R. F. Jarrett at 10.0 a.m.		Mr. L. Henry at 2.0 p.m.		Dr. F. C. Logan at 2.30 p.m.		Mr.H.A. Hamilton at 10 a.m.
SATURDAY				Mr. W. Niccol & Mr.J.D.J.Freeman at 1.0 p.m.			

NOTE:—Mr. EMLYN LEWIS, Plastic Surgeon, attends on the first Saturday of every Month at 9.30 a.m.

All Out-patients are required to bring a Subscriber's recommendation and a letter or certificate from their own doctor, asking for a consultation.

No Out-patient shall be treated for a longer period than eight successive weeks under any one recommendation of a Subscriber, except in the case of an Out-patient who attends periodically for inspection only, and not for regular treatment, when the recommendation shall be available for a period not exceeding six months. Non-contributory and/or non-recommended out-patients will be charged 1/- per visit.

Out-patients, in their own interests, should attend for registration at least fifteen minutes before the time of appointment.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC.

Females—Mondays at 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays at 5-30 p.m.
Males..... " " 12 noon " " " " 6 p.m.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY LEAGUE

Report for the year 1945.

Chairman - - - Lady Darell.

Vice-Chairman - - Miss Tidswell.

Committee - - - Mrs. Detmar Blow, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Calvert,
Miss M. Clifford, Mrs. Cridlan, Mrs. Farran,
Mrs. J. Fielding, Miss B. Gibbs, Mrs. Parbury,
Miss Skrine, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Steel,
Mrs. West, Mrs. Younghusband, Mrs. Williams.

Hon. Treasurer - - Mr. R. E. Williams.

Hon. Secretary - - Miss P. Bulley.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6th February, 1946, and was attended by many Presidents and Collectors.

The usual reports were read Lady Darell thanked everyone who had worked so hard for the Infirmary during the past year.

Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Bevan was unable to be present, owing to illness, so Sir Lionel Darell, followed by Mr. C. J. Adams, House Governor of the Infirmary, spoke on the improvements during the year.

Matron kindly provided tea.

P. BULLY,
Honorary Secretary.

THE CLOTHING & NEEDLEWORK GUILD

OF THE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY LEAGUE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT 1945.

DURING the year 1945, subscriptions and donations amounted to £98 8s. 6d. Garments received amounted to 180.

At a Committee Meeting held on February 6th, 1946, it was decided to hand Matron the sum of £100, to be spent as needed for the purchase of Blankets, Linen, etc., leaving a Balance of £113 11s. 4d. All the garments were handed to Matron with the exception of the usual 10% for the Children's Hospital.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. E. Williams, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Morten, Auditor, and also to Matron and Assistant Matron, and the Staff for their very kind help.

ENID PARBURY,
Hon. Secretary.

Ferney Hill,
Dursley,
Glos.,
February, 1946.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year ended 31st December, 1945.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Balance Forward ...	148	17	4	To Materials ...	...	34	10 0
„ Subscriptions & Donations	98	8	6	„ Balance in hand ...	213	11	4
„ Bank Interest ...	...	0	15 6				
	£248	1	4		£248	1	4

Examined and found correct,
W. L. MORTEN,
Auditor.

11th January, 1946.

R. E. WILLIAMS,
Hon. Treasurer.

ALMONER'S REPORT

It is difficult to give a complete picture of the work in the department covered during the year, for statistics do not take into account the many points which are too small to isolate but which, added together, contribute a large part of the whole.

Records show that 181 Surgical Appliances were supplied during the year, and in many cases patients were assisted by grants from Approved Societies, voluntary organisations, Public Health Authorities, Public Assistance Authorities, and the Samaritan Fund ; 10 patients obtained artificial limbs, and in one case the cost was raised by combined grants from the patient's Approved Society, Cripples' Committee, street collections and a collection at her place of employment.

Arrangements were made for 96 patients to be transferred either to Local Authority Hospitals or those undertaking special treatment (*i.e.*, Orthopaedic ; Thoracic ; Neurological and Deep X-Ray Therapy). A certain number were sent for consultation only but all transfers involved arrangements for transport either by ambulance or the Hospital Car Service, and in one case the transfer of a stretcher case to Southern Ireland with all the attendant anxieties of delayed sailing tickets and passports, and the difficulties of arranging details of travel with remote Public Assistance Authorities in Ireland were fortunately accomplished without mishap.

Although only 20 patients were sent away for convalescence, the number should be much increased when more Homes are available. The length of time involved before a vacancy is available often means a ward bed is occupied by a convalescent patient, the unsatisfactory alternative being to send him home during the intervening time. It seems regrettable that a hospital of this size has no Convalescent Home attached to it, for apart from the obvious advantage to the patients, it would prevent valuable beds being occupied by the convalescent. Many of the Homes closed during the war are re-opening in the near future and the position should be eased.

During the year there has been increased opportunity of enlisting the help of the Disablement Rehabilitation Officer of the Ministry of Labour, enabling patients while still in the ward to register under the Disabled Persons' Act, and to discuss the whole problem of future employment with an official who understands fully the difficulties involved and has a sympathetic interest in the patient.

The Hospital Car Service has arranged transport for 57 patients, none of whom would have been able to undertake treatment, either because the cost of other transport was prohibitive, or the patient was not strong enough to undertake a difficult journey perhaps two or three times a week when it involved bus queues and connections. It is impossible to over-estimate the value of the Hospital Car Service, and the willingness with which arrangements are made and upon which so much reliance can always be placed.

The Samaritan Fund has been well used, both in making grants towards convalescence, payment of fares to enable patients to attend hospital for treatment, supply of syringes and many other items, and for loans, mostly in payment of emergency fares later recovered from the patient, Public Health Authorities or some voluntary Society undertaking reimbursement.

In conclusion, the opportunity presents itself to thank many people who have so willingly helped and advised on the numerous problems which have arisen throughout the year, and who have so readily assisted patients referred to them ; among these are the County and City Public Health Authorities ; the Relieving Officers ; the British Red Cross Society and Hospital Car Service ; Soldiers', Sailors', Airmens' Families Association ; the County and City Cripples' Associations ; Ambulance authorities together with many others without whose help it would have been impossible to work satisfactorily and to whom I am very grateful.

S. D. YATES,

1st July, 1946.

Lady Almoner.

ALMONER'S STATISTICAL REPORT

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Home Arrangements	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	10
Transport ...	9	4	8	5	6	5	5	1	-	8	4	4	57
Transfers ...	12	7	8	15	8	8	5	4	7	7	8	7	96
Convalescence ...	-	1	2	-	4	1	7	1	1	3	-	-	20
General Help ...	7	3	3	4	1	2	1	-	2	2	4	2	31
After-Care ...	-	-	2	5	1	-	-	3	-	2	1	2	16
Fares ...	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	8
Surgical Appliances	15	8	16	15	25	29	9	10	9	15	19	11	181
Artificial Limbs ...	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	-	10
Rehabilitation ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	6
Services : Contact with relatives ...	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5
Home Visits ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Financial Help ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
	49	26	42	47	47	50	28	23	25	41	39	28	445

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RULES

Qualification
of Governor.

The qualification for a Governor is an Annual Subscription of not less than two Guineas, or a Donation at one time of not less than Forty Pounds ; which last shall constitute such donor a Governor for life. An annual subscription of not less than Three Guineas shall enable any Parish, Corporate Body, Trustees of any Charitable Institution or Trust, Friendly or other Society, Public Company, or any Firm of Partners in Trade, Club, or persons clubbing together for the purpose, to register the name of an individual, one of their own body, as a Governor of the Institution, and such individual shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Governor.

Quarterly and
Annual
Meetings.

Quarterly General Meetings of the Governors will be held at the Infirmary on the last Thursday in the months of March, June, September and December (Thursday not being Christmas day, when it will be held on the day before).

The Quarterly General Meeting in March shall be the Annual General Meeting of Governors.

Visiting
Governors.

Three Governors are appointed quarterly, to act as Visitors.

Annual
Subscriptions.

All Annual Subscriptions are due in advance, on the 1st day of January, and Subscribers are requested to pay them to the Treasurer, or to such person as he may direct, on that day, or as soon after as may be.

A subscription paid by a *New Subscriber* during any year will be considered a subscription for that year, commencing on the 1st day of January. Every Subscriber will be considered as continuing his subscription, until he shall have given a written notice to the Treasurer or Secretary of his intention to withdraw the same.

No Subscriber can recommend a Patient until his subscription for the current year shall have been paid.

Individual Subscribers may recommend for the current year Patients, who are unable to pay for the treatment required, according to the following scale, viz. :—

For £0 10 6 per Annum ...	...	2 Out-patients
„ 1 1 0 „ ...	...	4 Out-patients
„ 1 11 6 „ ...	...	6 Out-patients
„ 2 2 0 „ ...	...	8 Out-patients

and so in proportion, being 2 Out-patients for every 10s. 6d. and 8 Out-patients for every £2 2s. 0d.

Parishes, Corporate Bodies, Trustees of any Charitable Institution, or Trust, Friendly or other Societies, Public Companies or Firms of Partners in Trade, Clubs or persons clubbing together for the purpose, subscribing a minimum of £3 3s. 0d. annually, shall be entitled to recommend :—

For each £3 3 0 per Annum ...	...	6 Out-patients
„ „ 4 4 0 „ ...	...	8 Out-patients

and so in proportion, being 6 Out-patients for every £3 3s. 0d., and 8 Out-patients for every £4 4s. 0d.

Each Donation of Forty Pounds is equivalent to an Annual subscription of Two Guineas for the life of the donor, and each additional donation of Twenty Pounds to a further Annual Subscription of One Guinea for such life.

In the case of Corporate Bodies a donation of One Hundred Pounds shall carry in perpetuity ten out-patient letters of recommendation and every further Twenty Pounds two out-patient letters of recommendation.

Collections in Churches and Chapels.

Every Minister of Religion who shall collect in a place of Worship, for the benefit of the Institution, the sum of Five Pounds or upwards, shall be entitled to recommend, during a period of twelve months after such collection, one In-patient and five Out-patients for each Five Pounds so collected.

Stay of Out-Patients.

No Out-patient shall be treated for a longer period than eight successive weeks under any one recommendation of a Subscriber, provided that in the case of an Out-patient who attends periodically for inspection only and not for regular treatment, the recommendation shall be available for a period not exceeding six months.

FORMS OF ADMISSION.

Printed Letters of Recommendation will, on application, be supplied by the House Governor and Secretary.

The attention of Subscribers is respectfully drawn to the fact that Letters of Recommendation in right of any subscription are available only during the year to which the subscription relates.

Subscribers are earnestly requested to carefully fill in on any Letter of Recommendation the required particulars as shown on the forms; and, where the Patient resides in a town, to especially state the street and number of his or her residence.

WORKPEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

The rate of contribution for unmarried contributors is 3d. per week and the contributor is exempt from the maintenance charge if admitted to any Hospital, (with certain exceptions) but a contribution of 4d. per week from an unmarried man or woman (other than a widower or widow having children under 16 years of age) will include a parent who is unable, by reason of age or infirmity, to support himself or herself, and who is materially supported by the contributor.

The rate of contribution for a married man is 4d. per week which exempts himself, wife and children up to 16 years of age, including children adopted by and dependent upon the Contributor, from the maintenance charge.

MAINTENANCE CHARGE.

The maintenance charge which will be revised from time to time has been fixed at the rate of £3 3s. 0d. per week. Contributory Patients are exempt from this charge.

IN-PATIENTS

The Hospital is at all times open for the reception of cases of emergency or accident.

ADMISSIONS

All cases of urgency and serious accident shall be admitted without recommendation, but all In-patients shall be required to pay for their maintenance such sum in conformity with their means as may be from time to time fixed by the Weekly Board, unless they shall be exempted under the Workpeople's Contribution Scheme.

RECOMMENDED CASES

In-patients can be received on the presentation of a written recommendation of a Subscriber and five Out-patient papers or of a Member of the Acting Medical Staff in respect of any Out-patient under his treatment.

Every Subscriber is earnestly requested, before signing a recommendation for an In-patient, to obtain the opinion of a medical man as to the fitness of the case for Hospital treatment.

It is requested that Subscribers who intend sending patients from a distance should previously communicate with the Resident Surgical Officer to ascertain whether the patient can be admitted, forwarding at the same time the opinion of a medical man as to the suitability of the case.

No person will be admitted as an In-patient who in the opinion of the Medical Officers can be treated with equal benefit as an Out-patient.

VISITING DAYS

In-patients may be visited by their friends on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 till 4 o'clock. Visitors are allowed at no other time unless by permission of the Resident Surgical Officer and/or the Matron.

PAYING WARD BLOCK

There are four 2-bed wards, two 4-bed wards at the Hospital, and six private wards for paying patients. Particulars may be obtained from the House Governor and Secretary.

The Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution.

WORKPEOPLE'S HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1945.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

Chairman :

*H. BENFIELD, 6, Grove Crescent, Barnwood.

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* Members of Sub-Committee.

Secretary : G. H. GRIFFITHS, The Royal Infirmary, Gloucester.

Workpeople's Hospital Committee.

For the second time in the history of the Workpeople's Contribution Scheme your Committee have to record a decrease in the annual contributions. On this occasion, however, the decrease is not altogether a matter for regret, and certainly not for despondency. 1945 brought the end of the war, and, with that, the closing of many works and the reduction of the number of

employees in many others. Less workpeople, less wages, brought as we expected, less contributions. Still, to have once again topped the £30,000 mark is no mean achievement—we are still well ahead of the highest amount raised in any pre-war year. The figures given below explain this :—

Contributions received:—				Workpeople's Committee.				Royal Infirmary League.				Total.			
1939	...	...	...	£189	12	4	2	...	£2053	14	7	...	£20965	18	9
1944	...	...	...	£333	19	1	4	...	£3393	12	8	...	£36712	14	0
1945	...	...	...	£30558	16	10	...	...	£3486	4	6	...	£34045	1	4

Your Committee once again thank all who have helped to bring about this satisfactory result. The efforts of all organisers of groups in the various works, officials who deduct contributions from the pay sheets, collectors in country districts, sellers of stamps in the Newspaper Shops and the Co-operative Branches, are keenly appreciated.

Looking back on the year the Committee wish to record :—

1. Miss Durward, for a quarter of a century Assistant Matron, has retired with the good wishes of all connected with the Institution.
2. Admiral Bevan had been released from War Service and has resumed his office as Chairman. Your Committee join other Hospital Bodies in welcoming him, and at the same time thanking Mr. Washbourn for his services as Acting-Chairman during the war years.
3. Acting on your instructions your Committee asked the Governors to free from further payment to the Contribution Scheme, under certain conditions, Old Age Pensioners who have contributed for not less than 5 years. This was approved by the Governors and is now in force.
4. The Student Nurses Education Fund, inaugurated by the Workpeople, continues to progress, but has suffered from the fact that during the war it has been impossible to obtain many of the books desired.
5. Visitors to the Infirmary note the improved entrance both near the gates and in the entrance hall.
6. The Report of the Nuffield Trust Surveyors has been received. Whilst foreshadowing many necessary changes it pays tribute to the work of the County and City Hospital Committee on which the workpeople are represented.

Attempts are being made to make our work better known amongst firms and groups of workers. Now that men are returning from the Forces it is hoped more interest will be shewn in our Quarterly Meetings. Many firms regularly send a representative to these meetings and so get a first hand

report of our work, but there are many other firms whose representatives we should be glad to see. In this connection it may be pointed out that our Committee consists of some 30 members elected by and from the representatives. Any contributing group is entitled to send a representative to the Quarterly Meetings.

During the year representatives of the Committee have taken a full share in the management of the hospital, some as members of the Committee, others on the Weekly Board. Representatives have also attended meetings in many parts of the country both on behalf of the Hospital and of the Contributory Scheme.

The Committee again desire to thank :.....

The medical staff for their courtesy and help to our contributors.

The nursing staff for their kindness to our contributors whether patients or visitors.

The House Governor and his staff for much valuable help, cheerfully given under exceptional difficulties.

The Local Press for the space they have given us while newsprint has been so restricted.

While this report is being written news has come in of the death of Mr. W. Morgan of Cinderford, for many years a member of the Workpeople's Committee, a good attender at the monthly meetings and an indefatigable worker for the Infirmary in the Forest region.

Lastly, what of the future ?

The Minister of Health has promised to introduce in Parliament this session a National Health Bill. This will unquestionably cause many changes in Hospital work—it may be the end of Contributory Schemes. But whatever the provisions of the new Bill we must not forget that we are concerned with the *present*. Hospitals are needing help in many ways ; it is up to us to continue and if possible to increase our work, so that the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary may continue in such a state of efficiency as will keep it in the forefront of provincial hospitals.

H. BENFIELD, *Chairman.*

W. E. BROWN, *Vice-Chairman.*

G. H. GRIFFITHS, *Secretary.*

Workpeople's Hospital Committee.

FORM OF BEQUEST

To those desirous of benefiting this Hospital by Will, the following Form of Legacy is recommended :—

I give to the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye
Institution the sum of £.....

* which sum I direct to be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purpose, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said sum.

* if desired, the words free of legacy duty can be inserted here.

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